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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide "Communications to the Council" at page 60 supra.)

Statement of resolutions passed by the Madras Legislative Council during the last session and the action taken thereon by the Government.

Serial number and subject of resolution.	When passed by the Council.	Nature of action taken by Government.
(1) Suspension of the scheme of colonizing the Andamans with Mappillas.	25th August 1925 ..	The Government of India sent to the Andamans a deputation consisting of the following gentlemen to see for themselves the conditions in which the Mappilla settlers lived there :— (1) Muhammad Schamnad Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A. (2) Syed Murtaza Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A. (3) Mir Abbas Ali Sahib Bahadur, M.A., LL.B., M.L.C. (4) Dr. K. D. Mugaseth, L.M.S. Pending their report the transfer of long term Mappilla prisoners confined in the jails of this Presidency and of Mappilla women and children to the Andamans was stopped. The Government of India have since issued a resolution on the subject—Resolution No. F. 188/24, Jails, dated 4th October 1926. The Government in the Law (General) Department issued an order No. 3327, dated 3rd November 1925, accepting the resolution.
(2) Declaration of Maundy Thursday as a partial holiday for Roman Catholics and penultimate Saturday of every month to be a holiday for the Judicial Department in the mufas-sal.	Do.	In pursuance of the Resolution a Committee was appointed in G.O. No. 330, Law (General), dated 4th February 1926. The Committee has not yet submitted its report. The report is being drafted.
(3) The appointment of a Committee to investigate the problem of unemployment in this Presidency.	Do.	Ellore has been fixed as the District Headquarters.
(4) Ellore to be made the District Headquarters of the West Godavari district.	15th December 1925.	The reduction, not being justifiable in the public interests, was not made.
(5) Reduction of tree-tax ..	Do.	The Government have referred to the Finance Committee the question of the possibility of securing adequate new sources of revenue to make up for the loss of revenue which would result from a policy of total prohibition.
(6) Total prohibition to be attained in a period of twenty years.	10th February 1926.	The Government have issued orders that the principle underlying the resolution should be observed as far as possible and have directed that the standing orders should be suitably amended.
(7) That no shops for selling toddy, arrack or beer should be located in or within two furlongs from cheris or other localities inhabited by members of the depressed classes or factories.	Do.	R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR, Secretary to the Council

